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OF ALBERTA**

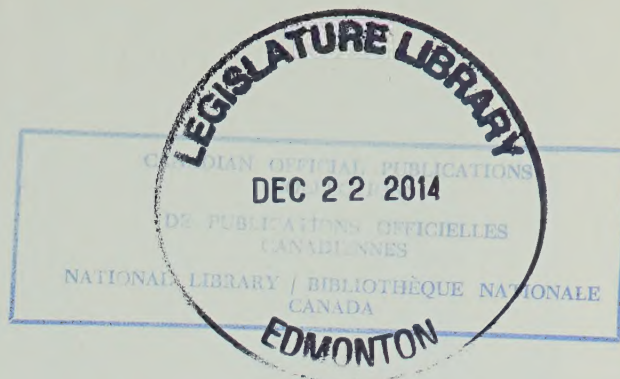




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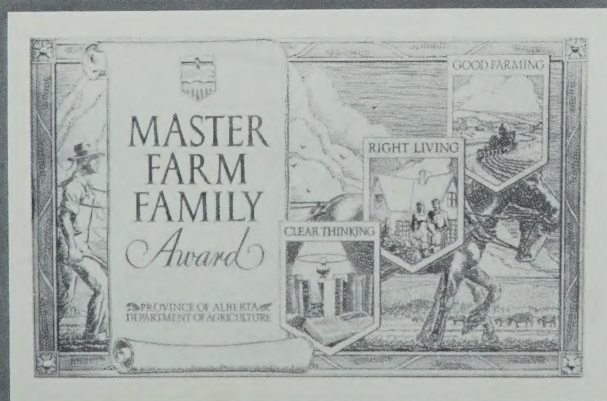
## FOREWORD

THIS publication is a tribute to the Arthur Arrison Family of Bassano, Alberta Master Farm Family for 1968, and to the late Arthur Arrison, who passed away shortly after receiving the award.

The wording on the plaque presented to the Master Farm Family reads "Good Farming", "Right Living", "Clear Thinking". These are the qualities which made Arthur Arrison not only a worthy recipient of this distinction but also an outstanding citizen of our province. His dedication to his vocation, his devotion to his family and his participation in community affairs made him a sterling example to future generations of Albertans.

On behalf of the Government of the Province of Alberta and the Alberta Department of Agriculture, I offer sincere congratulations for the honour achieved by the Arthur Arrison Family, and deepest sympathy for their bereavement.

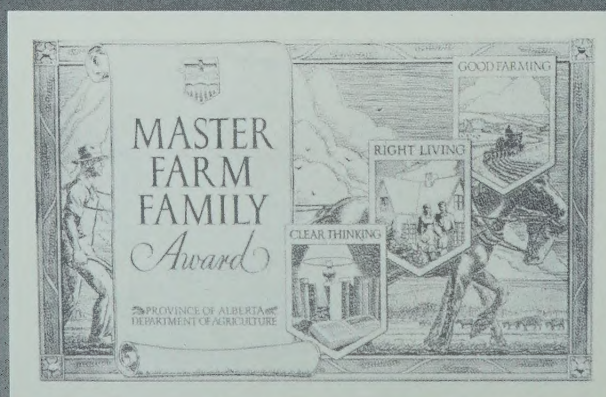
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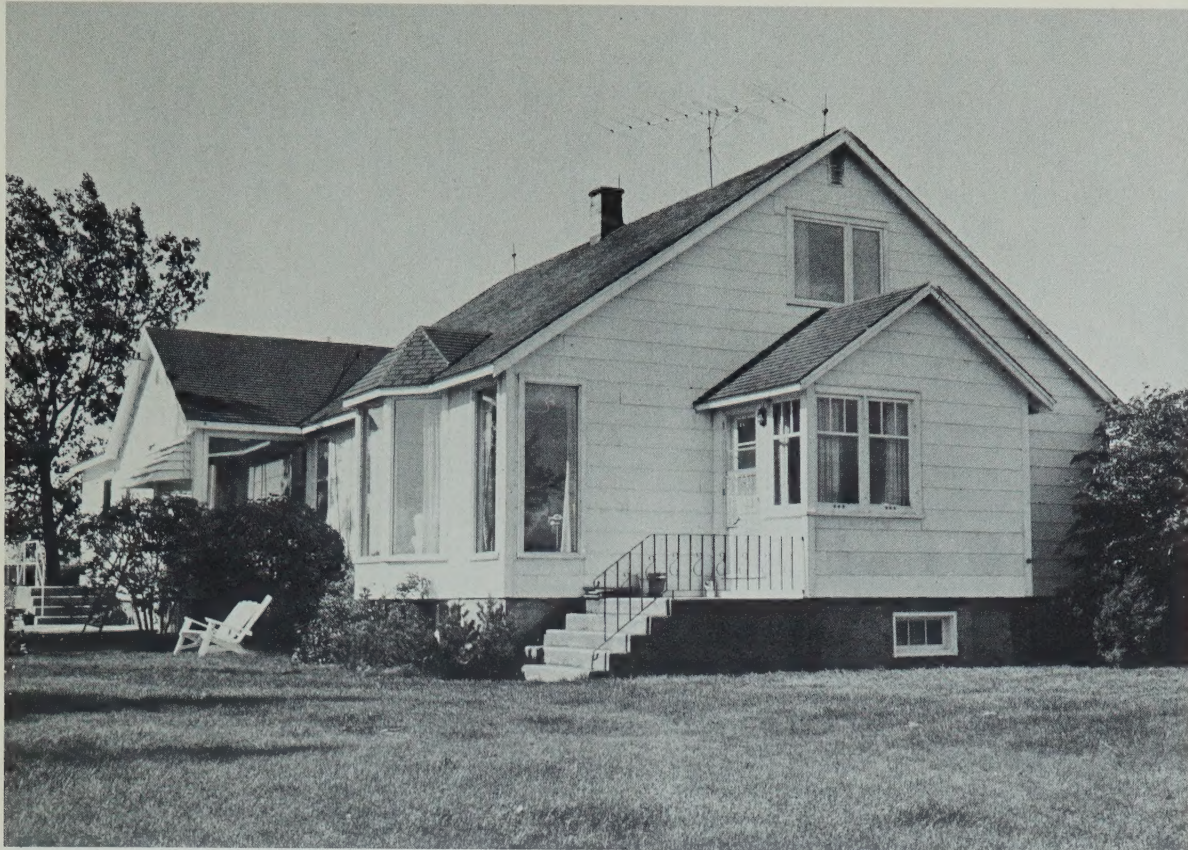




The Arthur Arrison family of Bassano. Seated, left to right: the late Arthur Arrison, daughter Gail, and wife Helen. Standing, son Wayne.







The spacious, comfortable Arrison house is the heart of the farmstead, which is pictured on the cover.

In the 1930's, the Canadian Pacific Railway accepted what seems today a ridiculously low price for ten sections of land in south-eastern Alberta near Bassano. The late Arthur Arrison, his mother and stepfather paid \$250 for the acreage, the first step in a successful farming operation which climaxed with the winning of the Alberta Master Farm Family Award for 1968.

Today, the Arrison farm operation extends over more than 7,000 acres, 5,726 acres of which are owned and 1,280 acres rented. Of the total, 4,200 acres are cultivated, usually half in crop, half in fallow. Although grain is the main source of income, the Arrison's beef herd of 122 cows and five bulls produced 120 calves last year.

The success of the Arrison farming oper-





Careful record-keeping and good business management have always been important to the Arrisons, father and son.

ation is partly due to careful, detailed and recorded planning. A farm budget book contains monthly records of farm operations, color-keyed maps of crop areas and the returns from each enterprise which permits analysis of its contribution to the whole. Improved farming practices are another factor in the Arrison operation. Among the

innovations which they introduced to their area are double swathing and a chaff collector on the combine to save feed for livestock.

The Arrison family, Arthur, wife Helen, daughter Gail and son Wayne, achieved a harmonious balance among the four factors that bring success in farming and farm liv-







Daughter Gail gives her mother a hand in the modern kitchen of the Arrison home.

ing: a spacious, comfortable home and neat farmstead, the use of advanced farming practices as a matter of course, good business management and full participation in family and community life.

Family activities in community affairs have brought great credit to the Arrisons.

Father, daughter and son all participated in 4-H. Arthur Arrison was a club leader for five years; Gail and Wayne were members of the local beef club for eight. Gail was secretary of the 4-H Club, and has a record of triumphs, having shown three champions and a reserve champion calf at the Bassano Beef Club Competitions.

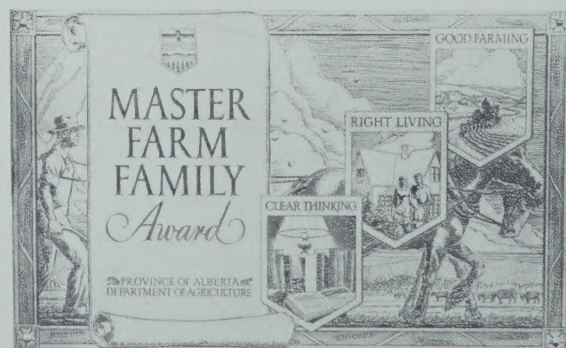


Together, the Arrisons have totalled over 100 awards won and offices held in local activities. Mr. Arrison's record included presidencies of the local board of trade, the farmers' union local and the local fire protective association, as well as 13 years as Wheat Pool delegate and active participation in church activities. Mrs. Arrison has been a member and officer of the Order of the Eastern Star and was active in Red Cross and other community work. Wayne, a graduate in agricultural economics at the University of Alberta, was president of the students' union in high school, a member of the Eastern Irrigation District teen council and president of the Agricultural Economics Club in university. Gail, now Mrs. A. Beauregard, is presently attending Mount Royal College in Calgary but still maintains a strong interest in farm and family affairs.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Arrison inspect the year's corn crop.

All these qualities contributed to the family strength and unity which were major factors in the selection of the Arrison family of Bassano as the 1968 Master Farm Family in Alberta.







Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arrison pose with the family pet outside their home.





#### 1949

J. G. DUSSEAUTL FAMILY ..... VIMY  
W. J. EDGAR FAMILY ..... INNISFAIL  
L. R. JENSEN FAMILY ..... MAGRATH  
J. E. MELENKA FAMILY ..... WARWICK  
JOSEPH PAQUETTE FAMILY ..... DONNELLY

#### 1950

EMILE CAMMAERT FAMILY ..... ROCKYFORD  
CHARLES KALLAL FAMILY ..... TOFIELD  
ROY BALLHORN FAMILY ..... WETASKIWIN  
E. S. PARSON FAMILY ..... BOYLE  
FRED LABRECQUE FAMILY ..... SPIRIT RIVER

#### 1951

J. G. POROZNI FAMILY ..... WILLINGDON  
J. W. HOSFORD FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
FLOYD GILKYSON FAMILY ..... LA GLACE  
VICTOR WATSON FAMILY ..... AIRDRIE

#### 1952

JESSE COLE FAMILY ..... CLIVE  
JOHN LAMBERT FAMILY ..... MANNING  
E. R. LEWIS FAMILY ..... STONY PLAIN  
J. H. SCHMALTZ FAMILY ..... BEISEKER  
JOHN SKRYPITSKY FAMILY ..... MUNDARE

#### 1953

FRANK JACKSON FAMILY ..... KEG RIVER  
ERNEST BELZIL FAMILY ..... ST. PAUL  
EMIL KVARNBERG FAMILY ..... BUFORD  
LESTER LOHR FAMILY ..... ERSKINE  
HOWARD HYMAS FAMILY ..... ROSEBUD

#### 1954

HARLIE CONRAD FAMILY ..... CLAIRMONT  
MARTIN ARNDT FAMILY ..... BARRHEAD  
ADAM BUYER FAMILY ..... CARBON  
W. R. STORCH FAMILY ..... GARDEN PLAINS  
A. W. KING FAMILY ..... HIGH RIVER

#### 1955

THE ROBINSON FAMILY ..... PINCHER CREEK  
B. O. BROWN FAMILY ..... ACME  
CHRIS SCHNEIDER FAMILY ..... VEGREVILLE

#### 1956

A. D. FRASER FAMILY ..... TEEPEE CREEK  
ALFRED ROSE FAMILY ..... ROCKY MTN. HOUSE  
JOHN ROZMAHEL FAMILY ..... VIKING  
WILFRED MCGILLIVRAY FAMILY ..... COALDALE

#### 1957

NO AWARDS

#### 1958

JAMES McCULLOCH FAMILY ..... DIDSBURY  
MEL WOOD FAMILY ..... TOFIELD  
ANDREW JESPERSON FAMILY ..... STONY PLAIN

#### 1959

A. M. ROBERTSON FAMILY ..... CARSTAIRS  
GEORGE COWLING FAMILY ..... HIGH RIVER

#### 1960

H. M. HANEY FAMILY ..... IRON SPRINGS  
J. R. CROZIER FAMILY ..... ST. ALBERT  
ARTHUR BATES FAMILY ..... ACME  
CHRIS OESTER FAMILY ..... PARADISE VALLEY

#### 1961

G. R. POWLES LAND FAMILY ..... DEL BONITA  
E. SCHIELKE FAMILY ..... CARSTAIRS  
J. W. PEARSON FAMILY ..... EDBERG  
MARTIN FELSTAD FAMILY ..... DAPP

#### 1962

GEORGE DECHANT FAMILY ..... FAIRVIEW  
ALBERT KAMPS FAMILY ..... LACOMBE  
N. SIGURD NIELSON FAMILY ..... STANDARD  
J. H. McLAUGHLIN FAMILY ..... SPRUCE GROVE

#### 1963

DONAT DUMONT FAMILY ..... BONNYVILLE  
MEL QUANCE FAMILY ..... GADSBY  
EWALD KADATZ FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
GEORGE DUDLEY FAMILY ..... MAGRATH

#### 1964

CHARLIE MOORE FAMILY ..... DEBOLT  
KEN BURNS FAMILY ..... DIDSBURY

#### 1965

ALBERT SEUTER FAMILY ..... SOUTH EDMONTON  
PETE MORISON FAMILY ..... AIRDRIE  
MIKE DUPILKA FAMILY ..... ATHABASCA  
ALBERT SORENSON FAMILY ..... BERWYN

#### 1966

LIONEL BIRD FAMILY ..... CARSTAIRS-CREMONA  
ELMER JENSEN FAMILY ..... STANDARD

#### 1967

WALTER V. BORAS FAMILY ..... PICTURE BUTTE  
DON E. PURSER FAMILY ..... PARADISE VALLEY

#### 1968

ARTHUR ARRISON FAMILY ..... BASSANO



“T AINE, in his incomparable History of English Literature, has said that the body of man in every country is deeply rooted in the soil of nature. He might properly have declared that men were wholly rooted in the soil and that the character of nations, like that of forests, tubers and grains, is entirely determined by the climate and soil in which they germinate.”

“The direct agency upon which all these conditions depend and through which these forces operate is food. Temperature, humidity, soil, sunlight, electricity, vital force, express themselves primarily in vegetable existence that furnishes the basis of that animal life which yields sustenance to the human race. What a man, a community, a nation can do, think, suffer, imagine or achieve depends upon what it eats.”

— John James Ingalls,  
U.S. Senator from Kansas  
from 1873 to 1891.



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